The TATLER.

From *Saturday December* 30. to *Tuesday January* 2. 1710.

THE Printer having informed me, that there are as many of theſe Papers printed as will make Four Volumes, I am now come to the End of my Ambition in this Matter, and have nothing further to ſay to the World under the Character of *Iſaac Bickerſtaff*. This Work has indeed for ſome Time been diſagreeable to me, and the Purpoſe of it wholly loſt by my being ſo long underſtood as the Author. I never deſigned in it to give any Man any ſecret Wound by my Concealment, but ſpoke in the Character of an old Man, a Philoſopher, an Humoriſt, an Aſtrologer, and a Cenſor, to allure my Reader with the Variety of my Subjects, and inſinuate, if I could, the Weight of Reaſon with the Agreeableneſs of Wit. The general Purpoſe of the Whole has been to recommend Truth, Innocence, Honour, and Virtue, as the chief Ornaments of Life; but Iconſidered, that Severity of Manners was abſolutely neceſſary to him who would cenſure others; and for that Reaſon, and that only, choſe to talk in a Mask. I ſhall not carry my Humility ſo far as to call my ſelf a vicious Man, but at the ſame Time muſt confeſs, my Life is at beſt but pardonable: And with no greater Character than this, a Man would make but an indifferent Progreſs in attacking prevailing and faſhionable Vices, which Mr. *Bickerſtaff* has done with a Freedom of Spirit that would have loſt both its Beauty and Efficacy, had it been pretended to by Mr. *Steele*.

As to the Work it ſelf, the Acceptance it has met with is the beſt Proof of its Value; but I ſhould err againſt that Candour which an honeſt Man ſhould always carry about him, if I did not own, that the moſt approved Pieces in it were written by others, and thoſe which have been moſt excepted againſt by my ſelf. The Hand that has aſſiſted me in thoſe noble Diſcourſes upon the Immortality of the Soul, the glorious Proſpects of another Life, and the moſt ſublime Idea's of Religion and Virtue, is a Perſon who is too fondly my Friend ever to own them: But I ſhould little deſerve to be his, if I uſurped the Glory of them. I muſt acknowledge at the ſame Time, that I think the fineſt Strokes of Wit and Humour in all Mr. *Bickerſtaff*'s Lucubrations are thoſe for which he is alſo beholden to him.

As for the Satyrical Parts of theſe Writings, thoſe againſt the Gentlemen who profeſs Gaming are the moſt licentious; but the main of them I take to come from loſing Gameſters as Invectives againſt the Fortunate, for in very many of them I was very little elſe but the Tranſcriber. If any have been more particularly marked at, ſuch Perſons may impute it to their own Behaviour (before they were touched upon) in publickly ſpeaking their Reſentment againſt the Author, and profeſſing they would ſupport any Man who ſhould inſult him. When I mention this Subject, I hope, Major-General *Duvenport*, Brigadier *Biſſet*, and my Lord *Forbes*, will accept of my Thanks for their frequent good Offices, in profeſſing their Readineſs to partake any Danger that ſhould befal me in ſo juſt an Undertaking, as the Endeavour to baniſh Fraud and Couzenage from the Preſence and Converſation of Gentlemen.

But what I find is the leaſt excuſable Part of all this Work, is, that I have in ſome Places in it touched upon Matters which concern both the Church and State. All I ſhall ſay for this is, that the Points I alluded to, are ſuch as concerned every Chriſtian and Freeholder in *England*; and I could not be cold enough to conceal my Opinion on Subjects which related to either of thoſe Characters. But Politicks apart. I muſt confeſs, it has been a moſt exquiſite Pleaſure to me to frame Characters of Domeſtick Life, and put thoſe Parts of it which are leaſt obſerved into an agreeable View, to enquire into the Seeds of Vanity and Affectation, to lay before my Readers the Emptineſs of Ambition; and in a Word, to trace human Life through all its Mazes and Receſſes, and ſhow much ſhorter Methods than Men ordinarily practiſe, to be happy, agreeable and great.

But to enquire into Men's Faults and Weakneſſes has ſomething in it ſo unwelcome, that I have often ſeen People in Pain to act before me, whoſe Modeſty only make them think themſelves liable to Cenſure. This, and a Thouſand other nameleſs Things, have made it an irkſome Task to me to perſonate Mr. *Bickerſtaff* any longer; and I believe it does not often happen, that the Reader is delighted where the Author is diſpleaſed.

All I can now do for the further Gratification of of the Town, is to give them a faithful Index and

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Explication of Paſſages and Alluſions, and ſometimes of Perſons, intended in the ſeveral ſcattered Parts of the Work. At the ſame Time the ſucceeding Volumes ſhall diſcover which of the whole have been written by me, and which by others, and by whom, as far as I am able, or permittted.

Thus I have voluntarily done what I think all Authors ſhould be able to do when called upon. I have publiſhed my Name to my Writings, and given my ſelf up to the Mercy of the Town (as *Shakeſpeare* expreſſes it) with all my Imperfections on my Head. The indulgent Readers,

Moſt Obliged,

Moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

RICHARD STEELE.

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☞ The THIRD Volume of theſe LUCUBRATIONS, being juſt finiſhed on a large Letter in Octavo; ſuch as pleaſe to ſubſcribe for it on a Royal Paper, to keep up their Sets, are deſired to ſend their Names to Charles Lilly, Perfumer, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand, or John Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where the Firſt and Second Volumes are to be delivered.

†‡† Bibliotheca Cotterelliana; or, A Catalogue of the Library of the late eminent and learned Sir Charles Cotterell, conſiſting of a large Collection of the moſt valuable Authors in Gr. Lat. Spaniſh, Italian, French, and Engliſh, the beſt Editions, and well bound; will begin to be ſold by Auction on Monday January 8. at Exeter-Exchange in the Strand, from 5 to 8 every Evening, till all are ſold: by E. Curll, Bookſeller, againſt St. Dunſtan's Church in Fleet-ſtreet, where Catalogues are to be delivered gratis. Alſo by John Harding at the Poſt-houſe in St. Martin's-lane, R. Parker under the Royal-Exchange, H. Clements in St. Paul's Church-yard, B. Barker in Weſtminſter-Hall, and at the Place of Sale.

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AT the Golden Sugar-Loaf, right againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs, is ſold Morning Gowns for Men and Women, of rich Golden Sattins, fine japan'd and ſtain'd Silks, Thread Sattins, Flower'd Silks, Stuffs, and Callicoes, being really the Goods of Shopkepers that have lately broke, to be ſold a great Penniworth, the loweſt Prices being ſet on each Gown, being the right old Gown-ſhop.

†‡† A Book entitled, Phyſico-Mechanical Experiments on various Subjects; or, An Account of ſeveral ſurprizing Phænomena touching Light and Electricity produceable on the Attrition of Bodies: Together with new Obſervations on the Aſcent of Liquids between the nearly contiguous Surfaces of different Bodies; the Preſſure and Retraction of Air; the different Denſities of that Element, from the greateſt Degree of Heat to that of Cold in this Climate; the Propagation of Sound; and on divers other Heads not before taken Notice of: To which are added, The Explanation of all the Machines (the Figures of which are done from Copper, curiouſly engraved) and other Apparatus uſed in making the Experiments. Sold by J. Knapton, H. Clements, R. Smith, Bookſellers; and in Hind-court againſt Water-lane, Fleet-ſtreet, by the Author F. Hauksbee, F. R. S. 4to. Price bound 6 s.

ALL Perſons who for themſelves or Friends, having red and grey Hairs, would have them dy'd or turn'd black, or dark-brown Colour, will find entire Satisfaction, as a great many have already, in the Uſe of a clear Water found out by Mr. Michon, and is to be ſold at the ſaid Mr. Michon's, Goldſmith, at the Crown and Pearl in Grafton-ſtreet; at P. Varenne's, a Bookſeller, at Seneca's Head near Somerſet-houſe in the Strand; at the Rainbow Coffee-houſe beyond the Royal Exchange in Cornhil; at Hen. Ribotteau's at the Crown over-againſt Exeter-Exchange in the Strand; and by A. Bell at the Croſs-Keys and Bible in Cornhil.

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FOR Sale by the Candle, on Thurſday next the 4th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at Five in the Afternoon, 54 Pipes of new excellent Canary Wines, near (only one Cask in a Lot) racy, and of a delicate Flavour, compleating the Cargo of the Martin Galley, juſt landed; and 4 Pipes of new Zant White Wine, of a very fine Flavour, near, in a Cellar in the Gateway of Buttolph Wharf, and up 2 Pair of Stairs on the ſaid Wharf, fronting the Thames, between London-bridge and Billingſgate: 15 Pipes, and 16 Hhds. of Red Wine, fit for Draught; 1 Hhd. of White Wine; 1 Pipe, and 1 Hhd. of Maderas; 2 Ullage But of White Bottoms; 1 Aum of Red ditto; and 300 Flasks of Florence Wine; in Vaults under the Houſe of the Widow Hinchman in Buttolph-lane, near the Queen's Weigh-houſe. All the aforeſaid Wines to be ſeen and taſted all Day to Morrow, and Thurſday till the Time of Sale. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane, between Tower-ſtreet and Crouched-Friars.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Wedneſday the 10th Inſtant, at Lloyd's Coffee-houſe in Lombard-ſtreet, at Nine in the Forenoon, about 36 Tuns of new excellent French (Prize) Claret, freſh, deep, bright, and of a moſt curious Flavour, of the beſt Growths, and of the very laſt Vintage; 5 Puncheons of French (Prize) Brandy, 4 Tuns of new French (Prize) White Wine, extraordinary good; 28 Barrels of new ſuperfine Pruants, and 22 Cheſts of very good Soap; the entire Cargoes of two French Prizes brought into Dartmouth by Capt. Daniel Naſtell of Guernzey, now in the Cuſtody of Mr. Tho. Plumley, Merchant, in Dartmouth aforeſaid: And there ſhall be expoſed to View and Taſt the aforementioned Wines, Brandy, Pruants, and Soap, till the Time of Sale. Catalogues ſhall be timely diſperſed. To be ſold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane.

THE late Right Hon. the Lord Brookes's Houſhold Goods, Plate, Linen, Pewter, Braſs, fine Indian Japan Cabinets, Screens, China, &c. will be ſold by Auction at his Lordſhip's late Dwelling Houſe in Arlington-ſtreet, near St. James's, on Tueſday the 5th Inſtant. The Goods, &c. to be ſeen on Friday, Saturday and Monday next before the Sale. The Sale to begin at Ten in the Morning, and continue till all be ſold. Catalogues to be had at the Place of Sale.

THE Sale of Goods at Mr. Stocton's being not yet full, Notice is hereby given, That it is, by the Conſent of the Adventurers, deferred till the 20th Inſtant, when it will moſt certainly be drawn, or the Money returned to the reſpective Adventurers; 2 s. each Ticket, 773 Prizes, one at 100 l. one at 50 l. two at 30 l. each, &c. 12 Blanks to one Lot. Tickets to be had at the ſaid Mr. Stocton's at the Bell in Henrietta-ſtreet, Covent-Garden; at Mr. Amſon's at the Gold Ring, the Corner of Salisbury-court; where Satisfaction may be had of the Value of the Goods, and the Goods ſeen, there being only a juſt and living Profit received; and at Mrs. Davis's, a Milliner, in the Strand, near Hungerford-market. Note, This is the very laſt Sale of Goods in this Manner.